

Book Notices

Stewardship Sermonettes, by Richard V. Clearwaters. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1955. 120 pages. \$1.50.

The pastor who has wished for a collection of materials to emphasize the duty of Christian stewardship will find that in this volume he has reached the end of his quest. The author, pastor of Fourth Baptist Church in Minneapolis, has brought together Scriptures, human interest stories from past and present, and practical exhortations in quantity to meet the minister's needs for a long time. Clearwaters position is that the tithe is the norm for Christian giving; his guide book is the Bible; and his aim is to encourage the cheerful giver.

Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible, by Charles Simeon. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House. \$3.95 per volume.

The first three volumes of a projected set of reprints have appeared, the first outline Genesis-Leviticus, the second, Numbers-Joshua, and the third Judges-II Kings. Charles Simeon has been a little-known writer in America, but was significant in the Church of England from his ordination in 1782 to the time of his death in 1836. He was outspoken in his evangelical views, active in his support of missions, and able in the pulpit. Reprinted thus far are three parts of his major written work, originally entitled *Horae homileticae*. It is anticipated that the current English title will be more likely to commend the commentary to the contemporary reader.

The general plan of the work is that of seeking key statements from the Scriptures, and developing them in outline form, interspersed with homilies. Some of these are from the author himself; others appear to be quoted from contemporary or earlier writers. The comments are well worded, and indicate a wide familiarity with the Bible as a whole. They constitute a worth-while help to the minister who has at hand also some such works as will assist with the precise meaning of language employed in Scripture, such as Vincent's *Word Studies* in the New Testament.

The Acts of the Apostles, by David Thomas. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1955. 493 pages. \$3.95.

The subtitle of this work indicates its nature: it is "A Homiletic Commentary". Written by one of the more prominent of English Congregational ministers of the last century, it combines the exegetical analysis, the outline form, and the homily. The comments are evangelical, middle-of-the-road where practical issues are concerned, and definitely Bible-centered. The author quotes sparingly, usually from such writers as Baumgarten, Lange and Alexander. The Commentary is recommended for the pastor who desires a sane exposition of The Acts of the Apostles. Baker Book House has again rendered the Evangelical world a service in reprinting this work.

The Christian Imperative, by Max Warren. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1955. 144 pages. \$3.00.

This volume comprises the Kellogg Lectures delivered at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1955. The writer is an Anglican minister and missionary traveller, and who was consultant at the Evanston Conference. The work sets forth the four-fold task of the Church: "Go Preach", "Go Teach", "Go Heal", and "Go Baptize". The approach is generally evangelical and conservative. The author is keenly interested in the problem of the establishment of the new Church, particularly in lands outside of Christendom. He seems particularly well versed in the needs of African missions, and his volume will have special appeal to the missionary or the Christian who seeks to understand the problems of work among the Young Churches.

Psychology of Religion: A Christian Interpretation by H. C. Witherington. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1955. 344 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.